

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 03, 2022

TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Holtzclaw, Vice Chairman Syme, Representatives Harris, Kingsley, Christensen, Wisniewski, Horman, Hanks, Weber, McCann (Liedke), Chew, Necochea, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Syme, McCann (Liedke), Chew

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Holtzclaw called the meeting to order at 3:16pm.

H 698: **Rep. Monks** explained **H 698** would ensure that individuals required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine for work and become injured because of it will be covered by workers' compensation.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 698** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1236: **Sen. Thayn** said **S 1236** relates to Health Savings Accounts for state employees. This legislation would make it easier for the Department of Administration to calculate the amount to be deposited in an employee's Health Savings Account.

In response to questions about whether this is a change from the past, **Sen. Thayn** said this is in preparation for the future and the intent is to ensure Health Savings Accounts receive as much funding as possible.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **S 1236** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1237: **Mark Tschampl**, Chief Administrator, Idaho Division of Veterans Services, said **S 1237** clarifies how veterans preferences protections are implemented and the process by which appeals are settled. Additionally, this would authorize the Division of Human Resources instead of the Division of Veterans Services to create administrative rules regarding this because they have the required expertise.

MOTION: **Rep. Christensen** made a motion to send **S 1237** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

Representative Holtzclaw
Chair

Emily Huddleston
Secretary